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SUBJECT: REACTION OF SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY TO ORLOV TRIAL

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1. THE ORLOV TRIAL RECEIVED ONLY MODERATE COVERAGE IN THE MADRID PRESS. ONE CRITICAL COMMENT CAME IN THE SPANISH COMMUNIST PARTY'S ORGAN MUNDO OBRERA, WHICH NOTED THE MAXIMUM SENTENCE HAD BEEN IMPOSED BY A STATE WHOSE SECURITY HAD NOT BEEN DIRECTLY THREATENED FOR OVER THIRTY YEARS. SCORING THE BARRING OF THE PUBLIC AND FOREIGN PRESS FROM THE TRIAL, MUNDO OBRERA CONCLUDED "IN A STABLE SITUATION, THE REPRESSION BY THE STATE OF THE FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION OF EACH INDIVIDUAL IS SIMPLY A MANIFESTATION OF TOTALITARIANISM AGAINST WHICH WE COMMUNISTS SHOULD FIGHT".

2. INQUIRIES WITHIN THE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY HERE HAVE DRAWN EXPRESSIONS OF PERSONAL CONCERN ON THE HUMAN LEVEL BUT NO RPT NO INDICATION THAT ANY OF THE VARIOUS SCIENTIFIC GROUPS PLANS ANY CONCERTED ACTION. WE WILL SEEK OPPORTUNITIES FOR FURTHER INQUIRY AND REPORT ANY SIGNIFICANT FINDINGS. EATON

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